UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FORT WORTH DIVISION

Daniel Smithwick,	Civil Action No.:
Plaintiff, :	
v.	
Cred X Debt Recovery, LLC,	COMPLAINT
Defendant. :	

For this Complaint, the Plaintiff, Daniel Smithwick, by undersigned counsel, states as follows:

JURISDICTION

- 1. This action arises out of the Defendants' repeated violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq. ("FDCPA"), and the invasions of the Plaintiff's personal privacy by the Defendant and its agents in their illegal efforts to collect a consumer debt.
 - 2. Supplemental jurisdiction exists pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 3. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), in that the Defendants transact business in this District and a substantial portion of the acts giving rise to this action occurred in this District.

PARTIES

4. The Plaintiff, Daniel Smithwick ("Plaintiff"), is an adult individual residing in Fort Worth, Texas, and is a "consumer" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

5. Defendant Cred X Debt Recovery, LLC ("Cred X"), is a New York business entity with an address of 4252 Ridge Lead, Suite 106, Amherst, New York 14226, operating as a collection agency, and is a "debt collector" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL COUNTS

A. The Debt

- 6. The Plaintiff allegedly incurred a financial obligation (the "Debt") to a creditor (the "Creditor").
- 7. The Debt arose from services provided by the Creditor which were primarily for family, personal or household purposes and which meets the definition of a "debt" under 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
- 8. The Debt was purchased, assigned or transferred to Cred X for collection, or Cred X was employed by the Creditor to collect the Debt.
- 9. The Defendants attempted to collect the Debt and, as such, engaged in "communications" as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2).

B. Cred X Engages in Harassment and Abusive Tactics

- 10. Defendants called Plaintiff's residential and cellular phone lines in an attempt to collect the Debt multiple times a day up to four times a day.
- 11. Defendants implied that Plaintiff could be accused of check fraud and that charges could be pressed against him if he did not pay the Debt.
- 12. Defendants also stated that Plaintiff would be served with legal pleadings at his workplace or at his house.

C. Plaintiff Suffered Actual Damages

- 13. The Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer actual damages as a result of the Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 14. As a direct consequence of the Defendants' acts, practices and conduct, the Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer from anger, anxiety, emotional distress, fear and frustration.

COUNT I VIOLATIONS OF THE FDCPA 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq.

- 15. The Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
- 16. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692d(5) in that Defendants caused a phone to ring repeatedly and engaged the Plaintiff in telephone conversations, with the intent to annoy and harass.
- 17. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(5) in that Defendants threatened to take legal action, without actually intending to do so.
- 18. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(7) in that Defendants falsely misrepresented that the Plaintiff had committed a crime, in order to disgrace the Plaintiff.
- 19. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10) in that Defendants employed false and deceptive means to collect a debt.
- 20. The foregoing acts and omissions of the Defendants constitute numerous and multiple violations of the FDCPA, including every one of the above-cited provisions.
 - 21. The Plaintiff is entitled to damages as a result of Defendant's violations.

VIOLATIONS OF THE TEXAS DEBT COLLECTION ACT TEX. FIN. CODE ANN. § 392, et al.

- 22. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
 - 23. The Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined by Tex. Fin. Code Ann. § 392.001(1).
- 24. The Defendants are each a "debt collector" and a "third party debt collector" as defined by Tex. Fin. Code Ann. § 392.001(6) and (7).
- 25. The Defendants falsely accused or threatened to falsely accuse the Plaintiff of fraud or a crime, in violation of Tex. Fin. Code Ann. § 392.301(a)(2).
- 26. The Defendants caused a telephone to ring repeatedly, with the intent to annoy or abuse the Plaintiff, in violation of Tex. Fin. Code Ann. § 392.302(4).
- 27. The Plaintiff is entitled to injunctive relief and actual damages pursuant to Tex. Fin. Code Ann. § 392.403(a)(1) and (2) and to remedies under Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code § 17.62 pursuant to Tex. Fin. Code Ann. § 392.404(a).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against the Defendants:

- 1. Actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1) against the Defendants;
- Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 for each violation pursuant to 15 U.S.C.
 § 1692k(a)(2)(A) against the Defendants;
- 3. Costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C.§ 1692k(a)(3) against the Defendants;
- 4. Injunctive relief pursuant to Tex. Fin. Code Ann. § 392.403(a)(1);

- 5. Actual damages pursuant to Tex. Fin. Code Ann. § 392.403(a)(2);
- Remedies under Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code § 17.62 pursuant to Tex. Fin.
 Code Ann. § 392.404(a);
- 7. Actual damages from the Defendants for the all damages including emotional distress suffered as a result of the intentional, reckless, and/or negligent FDCPA violations and intentional, reckless, and/or negligent invasions of privacy in an amount to be determined at trial for the Plaintiff;
- 8. Punitive damages; and
- 9. Such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

TRIAL BY JURY DEMANDED ON ALL COUNTS

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Respectfully submitted,

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